

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. LARRY MARSICANO

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Larry Marsicano for his many years of tireless work to improve and protect Candlewood Lake. As Larry prepares to leave the Candlewood Lake Authority where he has served as Executive Director for fourteen years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize him. Larry has been a champion for conservation in western Connecticut, and his expertise and dedication have helped our community make significant progress to address pollution in Candlewood Lake.

As an undergraduate at Western Connecticut State University in the 1980s, Larry began collecting data on the water quality of Candlewood Lake, Connecticut's largest lake. After completing his Bachelor's degree, Larry worked as a laboratory manager, and then joined the Candlewood Lake Authority in 1998.

The Candlewood Lake Authority is an agency created by the five municipalities surrounding the lake to reduce pollution and improve its quality. Larry first worked as a Lake Preservation Director, supporting research and outreach, and in 2003, he became Executive Director. His work for the group has spanned environmental research, policy and advocacy, and education initiatives. Among his many accomplishments, Larry was instrumental in changing local land use regulations to protect surface water quality and in developing opportunities for high school students to learn about research on the lake.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Larry Marsicano has been a devoted public servant in spearheading the efforts to protect Candlewood Lake and promote conservation awareness. I thank him for his decades of hard work to bring together government and private sector leaders to solve the issues facing the lake. While our efforts on behalf of the lake will continue, he will be greatly missed. It is fitting and proper that we honor Larry here today for his service and extend our best wishes as he begins the next stage of his career.

HONORING BCCC STUDENTS FOR
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
INNOVATION CHALLENGE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and success of a group of students from my district attending Bucks County Community College. This group, Nik Bertnio, Roshan Thomas, Alex White, and their faculty advisor, Christine Delahanty, were

recently named as one of only ten finalists teams in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. Their project, named Simply Secure, would produce a low-cost, portable device that small businesses and everyday consumers could use to confidently and securely connect to any wireless network, regardless of whether that network has been compromised. The group's hard work, and dedication to bettering their community and the world around them, should make all of us proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal conflict, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 302, yea on rollcall No. 303, yea on rollcall No. 304, nay on rollcall No. 305, and yea on rollcall No. 306.

RECOGNIZING EVALYN ORMOND
FOR HER ACCOMPLISHED CA-
REER IN THE HEALTH CARE IN-
DUSTRY

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Evalyn Ormond for 40 years of dedicated service in the health care industry of Northwest Louisiana and for 25 years as CEO of Union General Hospital.

Evalyn graduated from Ouachita High School and Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana. She began her health care career in 1977 at Sterlington Hospital and, with much determination and hard work, became the hospital's administrator in 1988. Just four years later, Evalyn also took on the role as CEO of Union General Hospital in Farmerville, Louisiana. She remained CEO of both facilities for seven years until Sterlington Hospital closed in 1999. The health care industry is constantly advancing with new innovative technologies. Evalyn remains an active force in bringing those innovations to Louisiana and ensuring the people within our community receive the care they need.

Evalyn currently serves on numerous health care boards and committees, devoting her energy to providing quality and stable health care. She has long been a champion for rural health care and regularly travels to Washington, D.C. to vocalize her concerns with Louisiana's elected officials. She is an active member of various organizations including the Louisiana Hospital Association, North East Louisiana Hospital Association, Rural Hospital

Coalition and the National Rural Health Association.

In addition to her successful tenure as a health care administrator, Evalyn remains an active leader in her community. She has earned recognition by the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce for her service and was the first female invited to join the Farmerville Lion's Club. She currently serves as the organization's president paving the way for other women looking to serve their community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to congratulate Evalyn Ormond on her many accomplishments. I applaud her service to our community. She has truly been a blessing to the health care community. We are fortunate to have individuals like Evalyn who are committed to helping others through difficult times with kindness and compassion. My wife, Kelly, and I thank her for her service and dedication to the people of Louisiana and wish her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM H. HECHT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to William H. Hecht, a dear friend of mine who passed away on Monday, June 12, 2017. Bill lived a rich life filled with a myriad of accomplishments. He would count his family as the greatest of those accomplishments. A true family man, he was the beloved husband of Susan; a devoted father to Herb, Robert David, Tim and Jim; a proud father-in-law to Dana, Jill and Melissa; and a doting grandfather to Caroline, Rachel, Will, Robbie, Christian, Danny, Hannah, Sammy, Holly and Johnny. Along with all of them, I will deeply miss Bill.

Born in 1933 in Tifton, Georgia, Bill received his Master's of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and a degree in Philosophy from Washington University. He served as a Lutheran pastor and later became the campus pastor at the University of Oklahoma, also teaching in the Philosophy Department. Among the many tributes Bill received are the Miles Christi Award from Concordia Seminary, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Concordia University, and the Silver Beaver Award from the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 2012, Bill received a commendation as an "Outstanding Georgian," one of only three people to receive that honor.

Bill was a lifelong participant in politics. In 1967, he became the Executive Director of the Missouri State Republican Party and later served as vice president of the American Security Council. Moving to Washington, DC, he was hired as the Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the House Committee on Internal Security and then moved on to be vice president of legislative affairs at the Tobacco Institute. He worked on the Reagan for President

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campaign before opening Hecht, Spencer & Associates, a firm that celebrated its 35th Anniversary last year.

I was a beneficiary of Bill's education and experience over many hours spent at his favorite table at the Capitol Hill Club. He could philosophize on any number of subjects and would hold all of us there at the table in rapt attention with stories from his past or explanations of why his St. Louis Cardinals were the greatest franchise in baseball history. The Club will never be the same without him and he will always be in my thoughts when I am there.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Hecht family and Bill's many friends. Although Bill may be gone, his legacy and memory will live on.

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Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal conflict, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 307.

REMEMBERING XAVIER JOY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, Xavier Joy should have spent this week enjoying the summer, working with the students he loved so much and thinking about his future. Instead, we are mourning the loss of this exceptional young man, who wanted nothing more than to care for his family and friends and continue his commitment to community service.

Xavier had already accomplished so much in his far too-short life. He touched many, many lives, as witnessed by the outpouring of sorrow and love from friends, family, and community leaders. He was a help and an inspiration, especially for children and young students struggling to overcome barriers and improve their lives.

Xavier was the cherished son of Nykea Pippion-McGriff and Ra Joy. Ra served my office and the residents of the 9th Congressional District for six years and went on to lead the Illinois Arts Alliance and serve as executive director of CHANGE Illinois. Like his father, Xavier was drawn to people and excited about making a difference.

A graduate of Whitney Young Magnet High School, Xavier attended Morehouse College and played football. He certainly had many life choices ahead of him, but he clearly caught the bug for public service from both his parents, as was evident in his work as a special education classroom assistant, and his time at City Year Chicago. He chose the path of empowering others. He was a mentor and a role model for students in Chicago and Evanston schools. He already had achieved so much but sadly we will never know what heights he would have reached.

Tragically, Xavier was a victim of the epidemic of gun violence that is plaguing our country and destroying the futures of so many bright, smart and giving people. His senseless death is a cause of incredible grief and loss, but it should also inspire all of us to follow his call to serve, to end gun violence and to ensure that every child has the tools and the support he or she needs to succeed.

As a mother, I cannot begin to understand the grief that Xavier's parents are feeling. My heart is aching for Ra and his wife Falona, Nykea and her husband Arthur, his brothers and sister, and his friends and family. I hope there is some comfort in knowing how many people loved Xavier, how many were touched by his kindness and caring, and how many will continue to hold him in their thoughts and prayers.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Patrick M. Shanahan, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
To hold hearings to examine the Universal Service Fund and rural broadband.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine reviewing Congressional authorizations for the use of military force.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the assault on the First Amendment on college campuses.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine collaborative initiatives, focusing on restoring watersheds and large landscapes across boundaries through state and Federal partnerships.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine innovative financing and funding, focusing on addressing America's crumbling water infrastructure.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine concurrent congressional and criminal investigations, focusing on lessons from history.

SD-226

JUNE 21

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-building programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 and the trade policy agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Russell Vought, of Virginia,